

Thi saa har Gud elsket
Verden, at han gav sin
Søn, den enbaarne, for at
hver den som tror paa
ham, ikke skal fortabes,
men have evigt Liv.

HYR DEN

“JEG ER DEN GODE HYRDE.” — Joh. 10. 11.

Den som tror paa ham,
bliver ikke dømt; den som
ikke tror, er allerede dømt,
fordi han ikke har troet
paa Guds eneste Søn
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DEN GODE HYRDE

Johs. 10, 11—16.

Av sogneprest Karl Marthinussen, Bergen.

Naar Jesus i vaar tekst kaller sig den gode hyrde, vil han dermed ha sagt, at han er vaar rette herre. Det er ham, alt som menneske heter, rettelig tilhører. Han har eiendomsretten til oss og herskerretten over oss.

Hvorfor har Jesus denne rett likeoverfor oss?

Først fordi vi “ligger ham paa hjertet”. Vi betyr noget usigelig meget for ham. Han har gjort vaar sak til sin, saaledes at han ikke vil sig selv, men oss. Derfor kommer han stadig tilbake til dette at han har satt sitt liv til for faarene. Hjelpeløs lot han sig overgi i synderes hender for aa frelse syndere. Da han hang paa korset blev han spottet for sin hjelpeløshet: Han kan ikke frelse sig selv, het det. Jo, hadde han villet sig selv, kunde han nok han undgaatt korset og døden. Men han vilde oss, og da var der ingen vei utenom. Leiesvennen flykter, demagoger og diktatorer tar liv og svikter i farens stund. For Kristus gjaldt og gjelder kun ett, at vi maa bli hvad Gud har bestemt oss til, at vi maa vinne oss selv til evig eie. Vi ligger ham paa hjerte, alt har han satt inn for oss, saa har han kjærlighetens rett til aa eie oss og herske over oss.

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Dernæst har han denne rett, fordi han kjenner oss. Han kjenner vaar nød; ti han blev prøvet i alt i likhet med oss, og han som ikke visste av synd, blev gjort til synd for oss. Der er ingen dybder i menneskelig nød og lidelse, synd og skyld som han ikke vet om og forstaar. Og han kjenner vaare muligheter; for han var selv menneskesønnen, den fullkomne, og han kjenner osm ingen annen den salighet Gud har bestemt mennesket til i samfundet med sig. Ingen behøvde aa fortelle ham hvad der bodde i mennesket, ti han kjente det selv, og for ham ligger vaar sjels hemmelighet, alle underbevissthetens havdyp, alle fordervelsens avgrunner, og hver en lengsel i sjelens grunn aapen og avdekket. Derfor er han selv løsningen av vaar egen gaate. Det er nigen fremmed som skal eie vaar tro og lydigheit, men han som kjenner oss helt ut — og dog elsker oss.

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Og endelig: han vil være — og er dypest sett — den virkelige enhet og sammenheng mellom oss. I ham er frelse gitt for alle mennesker; hans røst kan alle forstaa i ham kan alle finne frem til Gud og sig selv. Derfor er han det eneste haap over vaar splittede verden, frelsen fra rasekamp og klassekamp. Med alle vaare internasjonale bestrebelser, med alle vaare fremskritt i erkjennelse og teknikk, ender vi i kaos, om ikke Kristus faar herskerretten over oss. Hvor han kommer til — i det smaa som i det store — der “enes atter hvad er skilt” — og der skal bli en hjord og en hyrde.

Uimotsigelig har Kristus eiendomsretten til dig og herskerretten over dig. Har han ogsaa virkelig faat den? Har han ogsaa virkelig faatt den? Har han ikke, venter han paa aa faa den. Skynd dig og gi ham hvad der tilkommer ham.

Angst — stillhet

Det moderne menneske er fyllt av livsangst, enten det vil tilstaa det for sig selv eller verger sig mot beskyldningen med et haanlig smil.

Det moderne menneske er ukjent med stillheten — og her ligger aarsaken til angsten. I stillheten møter Gud oss med dom og naade. Men flukt fra stillheten skaper angst.

EN TUR TIL “LILLE NORGE”

Av EDWARD SORTEBERG,
Govan, Sask.

Jeg hadde den ære aa være med paa den farmdelegasjon fra Saskatchewan som reiste til Ottawa for aa overbevise regjeringen aa folket i østen, at alt ikke er saa lyst paa det finansielle omraade i Saskatchewan og at det er nødvendig at vi faar en bedre pris for vaare farmprodukter om vi skal kunne greie oss ut av vanskeligheten.

Vi blev mottaget som prinser baade av vaar “Prime Minister” og alle andre, men hvad blir resultatet av reisen faar vi vel senere se. Haaper vi ikke gjorde turen for- gjeves og at vi for neste aars avling faar bedre pris.

Hvad jeg nermest vilde berette om var min tur til “Little Norway”, ti naar jeg var saa nær Toronto kunde jeg ikke la denne fine anledning gaa annet enn aa se til disse gutter, som vi har hørt og lest saa meget om.

Saa straks jeg havnet paa stasjonen i Toronto mellom kl. 8 og 9 om morgenen tok jeg en tur ut til flyveplassen. Det var ingen vanskelighet med aa finne frem da naturligvis alle folk i byen har greie paa hvor Little Norway er—. Efter ca. 15—20 minutters kjøring fikk jeg se den norske byen, det norske flagg vaiede. Jeg nermest mig noksaa forsiktig da en Viking, med børse paa akselen, marsjerte frem og tilbake innenfor “fenset”, men som jeg nermere og fikk se det erlige, opriktige uttrykk i hans ansikt fikk jeg mere mot og spurte om det var anledning til aa faa se rundt kampen? Han aapnet en dør til en av barakkene hvor der stod fem stramme gutter i norske uniformer. Jeg introduserte mig og fortalte at jeg var en norsk farmer fra Saskatchewan og at det vilde være meg en glede aa faa se litt rundt i kampen. “Aa De er norsk? Jo da.” Da var det ingen vanskeligheter med det og efter en passiar med disse fulgte en mig fra bygning til bygning, gjennom alle barakkene, skolerommene, spisesalene, gymnastikksalmed “swimming pool”, tittet inn i maskinerummene hvor noen var travelt beskjef- tiget med aa sette istand maskiner. Bygningene var solide og hvor man snudde de og vente sig var det fint og rent. Denne gutten sa han skulde like aa flytte hele greia til Norge, d.s.v. om Norge var fritt. Denne kamp er bygget like inn til Superiorsjøen og utsikten er fin, men selve flyveplassen er paa en øy ute i sjøen saa man maa gaa over et smalt sund i en ferge for aa komme der.

Jeg spurte hvad skoleutdannelse var nødvendig—ingen høiere skoleutdannelse var nødvendig, men alle maa ta en intelligensprøve. Jeg har hørt at ved kanadiske flyveskoler er det nødvendig at man har 11. eller 12. grade for a bli optatt. Maa man derav dra den sluttning at almskoleutdannelsen i Norge er bedre enn her?

Det er bry med aa holde disse gutter her saa lenge, sa han, da de er saa desperate paa aa gaa hjem igjen for aa slaass med tyskerne, aa jage dem ut av landet saa Norge igjen kan bli fritt. Jeg tenkte, at om vi hadde alle av den kaliber vilde krig- gen ikke vare saa lenge. Mange av disse, ja kanhende de aller fleste av dem, er kommet over Nordsjøen i aapne baater, ut fra fangenskapet og over til England, andre har sneket sig inn til Sverige — vidre til Russland, over Sibirien og over Stillehavet — til Little Norway.

Jeg blev fortalt, at en av guttene — vi faar kalle ham Ola, hadde nettop vært over til U.S.A. og slog U.S. champion, Freislinge, paa skøiter, — Han skulde ta en tur igjen for opvisning og alle inntekter derfra gaar til Little Norway. De ventet aa ta inn flere tusin dollar fra denne konkurranse. Senere har en annen gutt tatt “North America Championship” paa ski i Duluth. Hvor i verden vil du finne, i en gruppe paa saa faa, som kan utføre noe lignende.

Efter aa ha sett over kampen of flyveplassen, sa gutten jeg ogsaa burde gaa ned til rekrutteringskontoret i byen, som jeg ogsaa gjorde, efter aa ha sagt farvel til disse fyrer, som ikke et minutt stusser paa aa ofre sitt liv for at Norge igjen kan

MORS BREV.

Jeg staar med et brev i haanden, et ganske almindelig brev. Litt krøllet og slitt efter reisen fra henne der hjemme som skrev.

Det er ikke stemplet med nummer og lakksegl som post av verdi. Og dog ikke ord kan beskrive den rikdom som gjemmes deri.

Jeg kjenner den skjelvende skriften, den er fra min elskede mor. Jeg aapner det sakte og læser, det er som jeg hører hvert ord.

Hun kan ikke kunsten aa skrive, og dog hvert et ord jeg forstaar. Den skjelvende haanden har bli slik av slit gjennom mange aar.

Jeg læser og stanser — og tenker og minnes, og læser paany. Hun sier at tanker og bønner mig følger ved dag og ved gry.

Og nederst paa arket mot slutten en taare har punktum satt. En taare som sier langt mere enn menneskeord kan faa sagt.

Skjønt brevet var aapnet av censor som læste hvert eneste ord. Han skjønnte nok ikke den skriften som skjultes bak taaren til mor.

Norsk Flyyer, R. A. F. Station,
Island.

Avtale om bøn i Norge.

Følgende hitsættes fra “Den Unges Ven”, datert 25de oktober. Nævnte blad utkommer i Oslo:

Vi vil gjøre den avtale med hverandre at vi her i Norge nu Bededags morgen kl.9 alle samles til bøn hver paa vort sted. Vi skal vite og kjende at i hele vort fædreland er vi i denne stund som en eneste sjæl hos Gud med alt det som ligger os paa hjertet. Om det saa ikke er flere end to i et hus, blir de enige om dette. Den som er alene optat med nødvendig arbeide, kan likevel samle sine tanker og vende dem til Gud. Ingen skal være utenfor. Alle skal være et, og vi skal vite og kjende at Kristus har forjættet styrke i bønnens fællesskap. Dagens lektie er Esaias 55, 6—7. Her finder tankerne sin tekst baade til tuktt og til trøst: Søk Herren mens han findes, og kald paa ham den stund han er nær. Norge i bot og bøn for folk og for menneskehet — Guds velsignelse over denne time!

Eivind Berggrav, O. Hallesby,
Arnold Øhrn.

bli frelst og fritt.

Oberstløytnant Reistad, sjefen for flyve- avelingen, var for tiden paa en tur til Statene, saa han fikk jeg ikke snakke med, men traff flere andre deriblandt en kaptein, som hadde med rekrutteringen aa gjøre; han var forresten godt kjent paa de trakter i Norge hvor jeg kom fra — en meget hyggelig fyr. En flyveoffiser paa kontoret fortalte han var i Norge da krigen der brøt ut. “Vi hadde bare fem gamle fly, sa han, men vi gikk til kamp imot en tysk “squadron” med moderne fly, og skjøtt ned fem av dem og ingen av oss blev saaret,” men tyskerne tok alle oljestasjonene og ammunisjon lagrene saa vi maatte gi op.” Jeg talte ogsaa med en amerikansk representant paa kontoret og det var den eneste jeg snakket engelsk med — alt var Norsk — ikke dette Minnesotanorsk som vi til dagligdags er vant med her —, det var nesten som aa ta en tur til Norge. Visstnok maa alle disse gutter lære engelsk og mange av dem skal være riktig flinke i sproget allerede, men som sagt, det norske blir til dagligdags brukt.

Som vel de fleste vet er flyveskolen bygd og opretholdt av den norske regjering i landflyktighet. Inntektene fra handelsflaa- ten betaler for det meste, men der kommer ogsaa inn en hel del fra norske i Kanada

KANDAHAR, SASK.

Rev. A. M. Vinge.

Jeg ser at Hyrden har skiftet redaktør. Jeg sender nogle ord her ifra Kandahar om de vil vere saa snil at ta det ind i bladet. Jeg leste en artikel i Hyrden (desember 1941). Den var skrevet av Ludvig Hope og handlet on Kristenlivet. Jeg syntes der var meget godt i det stykket. Han taler om fiskene som blev sluppet ned i en brønd. Han sammenligner dette med menighetsarbeidet i vor kirke. Hope siger:

“Dette at presten skal vere nersagt den einaste forkynnaren aar ut og aar inn, det er et prinsip som maa drepa sunt kristen- liv.”

Jeg tror at om der var lidt mere aveks- ling inden menigheterne, at det vilde paa sammetid vere mere opmuntrende for pre- sten. Men jeg maa tilstaa at paa den tid som jeg har veret knyttet til den Lutherske Kirke (og det er al min tid og jeg er nu 68 aar gammel) saa har jeg aldrig endnu hørt nogen prest opfordre nogen av menig- hets folket til at sige nogen ting. Jeg tror dette er en stor skade for menighetslivet og dets utvikling. Sikkert nok maa der vere et eller andet medlem inden menighe- ten som kunde si litt til opmuntring for baade prest og menighet. Om de ikke ne- top holdt nogen tale saa kunde der holdes bøn før eller efter den vanlige preken. Apostilen Paulus siger is første brev til Tesalonikerne: 5:12 “Men vi beder eder brødre at i skjønner paa dem som arbeider iblandt eder og er eders og er eders For- standere i Herne og paaminder eder. Og at i holder dem overmaade hoit i kjerlig- hed for deres gjernings skyld. Hold fred med hverandre.” Og i sit første brev til Timoteus 5: 17. “De eldste som er gode forstandere, skal agtes dobbelt ere verd, mest de som arbeider i tale og lere. Thi skriften siger, “Du skal ikke binde munden paa en okse som tresker. Og en arbeider er sin løn verd.”

Ja jeg haaber at ingen av Hyrdens lesere vil misforstaa denne artikel. Jeg agter ikke at reformere nogen. Jeg er en stor synder som enhver anden. Jeg kun ytrer min mening om ting som er høist nødvendige for et sundt kristenliv.

Saa hilser jeg alle Hyrdens lesere og dets redaktør og personale med et ønske om Guds velisnelse.

Ole O. Brekke,

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Vi tror det er ganske almindeligt imellem os i vort distrikt at legfolket er opmuntret til at ta del. Slik tror vi at stillingen er i de fleste kald og menigheter.

—V.

og U.S. og andre steder. Alle offiserer og private ved skolen subskriberer maanedlig fra to til tyve dollar hver i forhold til sin hyre. Haaper alle av norsk ætt i Kanada vil hjelpe efter beste evne og sende bidrag til Jagerfondet. La oss alle gjøre vaar plikt.

En slektning av mig fra Govan, frøken Clausen, arbeider paa General Hospital i Toronoto, saa naturlig gikk jeg derop for aa besøke henne og blev der bekjent med en norsk gutt som hadde ligget tilsengs i elleve aar. Han blev skadet første aar han var i Kanada og har vært krøpling hele tiden og har ikke haap om a bli bedre da han er lam i begge ben. Jeg spurte om det ikke var langsomt aa ligge der, men han sa folk var snille — de bragte ham alle slags gode saker og saa hadde han radio. “Nu holder jeg paa aa undervise fem av sykepleirske i norske, da de er bliit saa glad i noen av disse norske guttene ved Little Norway — de vil endelig lære sproget”. Han var en meget kjekk og intelligent fyr, og det er sørgelig at han aldri kan bli bra igjen.

Om noen har anledning til aa ta en tur til Østre Kanada, glem ikke a besøke “Little Norway”, det er verd turen.

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YDMYGHET

Av naturen er intet os mere fremmed og ukjent end ydmyghet. Der er derfor heller intet vi i os selv har mindre av. Det sikreste bevis for at være ydmyg er at vi ikke lenger gaar av veien for ydmygleser, og at vi har lert at takke for dem, ja endog glede os i dem. Pauli ord: "Jeg roser mig helst av min skrupelighet" betyder ogsaa, "Jeg finder glede i alt som ydmyger mig." Og Peter siger: "Gud gir den ydmyge naade."

Hver gang vi gaar av veien for en ydmygelse, gaar vi glip av en serlig naade. Har du vere paamindet om at sende litt til Outlook Bibelskole, eller Gamlehjemmet i Alberta, osv.? Er dette forsømt saa har du mistet naade.

Peter siger videre, "Ikled eder ydmyghet", er nemlig kappen som beskytter os mot kilden saa at kjerligheten i os ikke blir Kold. Ydmyghet er ikke en dyd, men den jordbund i hvilken alle andre dyder vokser. En dyd som ikke er vokset frem i denne jordbund har ikke verende verdi.

Derfor lyder frelserens røst til alle som kommer til ham, at de først og fremst lere ydmyghet av ham, til ydmyghet er den eneste kraft hvorved vi kan sette os lavest. Frelseren fornedret sig selv. (Fil. 2:8) Ydmyghet fører til at vi selv blir intet og at Kristus blir alt. Ydmyghet ønsker ikke sin egen ere.

Ikke os Herre, ikke os men dit navn gi du erer for din miskundhets, for din sandhets skyld.

—G.

GRANUM, ALBERTA.

Herre hør min bøn og lad mit raab komme til dig. Psalme 102. Jeg har tenkt mange gang paa at skrive lit i Hyrden for jeg liker bladet meget. I sidste numret ser jeg at det er vanskelig at faa fat paa evangelister. Det er trist at høre. Jeg tror det vilde vere til gagn baade for prest og menighet om presten kunde avse tid til at holde møter igjennem uken. Tiden er kort. Det kan vere at tiden for Herrens arbeide er snart forbi. "Idag er naadens dag, idag er Gud at finde."

Der var ofte smaamøter hjemme i Norge, og vi savner meget slike møter. Ved saadanne møter er der anledning for bøn og vidnesbyrd. Da opplødes Guds barn.

Vi savner det norske sprog. Vi gaar en ny tid imøte. Der er en sang i Landstad som jeg elsker. Her er den:

"O hvilken ere
for tanken alt for stor
Hans barn at vere
som i det høie bor.
Naar man er bleven
til Herren ret omvendt
Fra verden reven
Med Jesus ret bekjendt,
I Himlen skreven
Med Lammets røde prent.

Tenk for en Jesus vi har, det blødende Guds Lam. Alt led Han forat vi skulde vorde fri. Maatte alle gaa i bøn til den himmelske Far.

En venlig Hilsen,
Mrs. P. K. Johnson.

Bekjentgjørelse.

aarmøtet for Yorkton Krets holdes juni 5—7 i St. Johannes menighet, pastor G. J. Ostrem's kald Preeceville, Sask. Møtet begynder fredag (june 5te) kl. 2 efm. med indledning av pastor Peder Nelson over emnet Mark. 2, 1—12. Menighetene bedes sende delegater. Haaper distrikt formand Dr. Iver Iversen kan være tilstede ved møtet. Maa Gud faa gi os et velsignet møte.
H. L. Urness, formand.
A. J. Gubberud, Sekr.

KRETSMØTE

Yorkton krets av Den Norsk Lutherske Kirke i Canada avholdt sit regulere aarsmøte i St. Olafs menighet, Govan, av Pastor H. L. Urness kald den 31te Oktober — 2den November 1941.

Mødet aapnedes fredag efterm ved kretsformanden, pastor H. L. Urness, hvorefter det opstillede emne Ef. 2, 8—10 blev indledet av pastor G. Ostrem. Forsamlngen blev ønsket velkommen av stedets prest, og man enedes om at ha tre sessioner daglig. Samtlige kretsens prester var tilstede. Pastor P. E. Nelson talte derpaa om Guds naade, og A. J. Gubberud om troen, dens vesen og virkning.

Det var en sjelden glede for forsamlingen at vi fik ha med os under hele mødet Evangelist, Pastor P. A. Nordsletten, til at opmuntre med sin tale og sang.

Fredag aften blev aapnet med salmesang samt andagt ved Mr. O. Kvenshagen, hvorefter pastor Nordsletten gav en inspirerende Reformationspreken baseret paa Rom. 5. 1.

Lørdag form begyndte med en kort bønnestund, derefter vexling med tale og sang. Korte taler blev git av pastor Ostrem, Urness og Colportør Iversen, hvorefter pastor Berge talte of frelsen i Kristi person, og pastor Nordsletten avsluttet med sang.

Lørdag efterm. Sessionen aapnedes med salmesang, samt andagt ved pastor Nelson. Efter en tale av Urness og sang av Nordsletten gik man over til et kort forretningsmøte, med oplæsning av rapporter, valg av bestyrelse osv. Valgte blev: Formand, pastor H. L. Urness; Viceform. pastor P. E. Nelson; Sekr. pastor A. J. Gubberud; Kass. pastor J. A. Berge. Financesekr. Mr. Carlyle Karstad, Atwater, Sask.

Pastor P. E. Nelson valgtes til at indlede under neste møte. Kretsformanden og pastor G. Ostrem valgtes til at undersøke muligheden av kretsens deling.

Infølge bestemmelse ved aarsmødet besluttedes at velge tre medlemmer, som en kommittee for at ordne med evangelist — virk — somhed. Valgte blev: Kretsens formand, Viceform og Sekreter.

Lørdag aften var reserveret for Kvindernes Missions Forbund til avholdelse av et program under ledelse av vedkommende styre.

Søndag form, Gudstjeneste med altergang forrettet av stedets prest. Pastor Nordsletten holdt en hjertevarm preken over dagens text Joh. 4, 46—53.

Søndag efterm. var benyttet som Centennial møte med et meget opbyggeligt og belerende program av taler og sang under ledelse av pastor Ostrem.

Vi var ogsaa opmuntret av Mrs. Dr. Iver Iversen, vor Distriktformands hustru, som var tilstede og deltog i møterne.

Søndag aften blev som vanlig benyttet som et avskedsmøte, med vexling av taler og sang, resolutions — oplæsning, bemerkninger osv.

Man hadde følelsen av et godt og velsignet møte, og det opmuntrede samvær med de hyggelige og gjestfrie folk i Govan vil længe mindes.

A. J. Gubberud, Sekr.

ERFARINGER

Sørgende, sukkende, frydefuld smilende,
frimodig, seirende, snublende tvilende.

Dødsdomte, skyldige, helvede verdige,
rene og skjønne, fuldt ut retferdige. Nakne og skamfulde, herligen klædte,

aldrig helt ferdige, altid beredte. Stedse i kampen, tendende, stridende, alltid i Kristus roligen hvilende.

Forsakte, mismodige, troende, haapende,
prisende, takkende, skrikende, ropende.

Sterke i Herren, men jammerlig svake, smakende naaden, folende plage.

Tuktet, ydmyget, taarene flytende, trøstet og glædet, i jubel utbrytende. Fremgang i Herren, himmelen nærmere,

stadig sig skuende fattigere, armere. Dette er troendes lod paa jorden. Ved naaden er du ogsaa en av dem vorden.

Paul Gerhard Sand. (Samb.)

Min synd

Til sann syndserkjennelse hører erkjennelse av at jeg mangler syndserkjennelse.

—Fr. Wisløff.

ER DU EN AV DEM?

En mand, som en søndag morgen gik til kirken, blev forskrækket ved at træffe djævelen og se ham gaa ind samme sted.

"Men hvad skal du der?" spurte manden.

"Jeg? Hvorfor spør du om det? Skulde jeg ikke gaa dit, hvor man ber og præker imot mig? Hvem tar mig vel i forsvar, om jeg ikke selv gjør det?"

"Hvorledes bærer du dig ad?" spurte manden forskrækket.

"Aa, jeg har tusen knep, min ven", svarte den anden. "Søndag morgen begynder jeg med at gaa ind i et hus, hvor man gjør sig istand til at gaa i kirken. Her er en liten trætte, der er en altfor stiv krave eller en knap, som gaar istykker i sidste øieblik, alt saadant er ting som voldrer mig stor glæde, intet er mere skikket til at sætte folk i daarlig humør og fremkalde den stemning som behøves for at fremme mine planer. Der findes imidlertid en hel del, som kommer til kirken stille og med samlet sind, men jeg vet dog, hvorledes jeg skal bære mig ad. Ser du den unge pike der? Jeg behøver ikke mere end at rette hendes blik mot hendes veninders hatte eller kaaper, førend hendes opmerksomhet er fængslet derav, og hun synger, uten at hendes sjæl er med i sangen, og prækenen gaar forbi hendes øren uten at fængsle hendes hjerte. Se paa de unge mænd, som nu gaar ind; jeg skal snart skaffe dem noget at se paa baade her og der. Og saa skal jeg sørge for, at de finder noget at henge sig paa, et uttryk, som var mindre heldig, og naar de gaar ut av kirken, vet de kun at prækenen var daarlig.

Den bleke dame som nu aapner døren har en stor frygt for alslags træk, da hun straks blir forkjølet. Just paa det sted i prækenen, da presten skal si noget, der kan passe for hendes liv, skal jeg indbilde hende, at der er træk i kirken, og da skal hun knapt tænke paa andet, saalænge gudstjenesten varer.

Efter hende kommer en ung moder. Hun tænker paa sine smaa barn derhjemme. Hende skal jeg gjøre nervøs, faa hende til at tro, at den mindste er faldt ut av vuggen, da hun ikke husket paa uttrykkelig at be piken at passe godt paa, førend hun gik.

Se, der kommer to kjøpmænd. Dem fik jeg til at læse avisen førend de gik i kirken, og idet de tror, at de dyrker Gud, spøker allikevel uavbrudt dagens nyheter i deres hoder.

Og se der tvende retskafne borgere! Ingen i verden gjør mig arbeidet saa let som de. Uten vanskelighet skal jeg faa dem til at se, at den og den av deres bekjendte har alle de feil og har begaat mange av de synder som presten refset i sin præken. 'Aa, hvor godt han eller hun hadde av denne præken!' skal de si til sig selv, og saa forlater de kirken i et rus av selvtilfredshet.

Skulde det hænde, at jeg trods al min sluhet ikke faar bugt med en eller anden av de troende, saa skal jeg nok lægge ut mnie garn for dem paa hjemveien.

Det er en stor glæde for mig, naar nogen avlægger visitter, straks efter at de har deltat i gudstjenesten; ti de kommer da saa let til at tale om alle mulige verdslige ting, hvorved saa let utviskes det indtryk av sandheten som de mottok i Guds hus."

Dette var hvad djævelen fortalte. Han gav vistnok vor ven et vink om at tie, men den glæde vilde han dog ikke berede sin fiende. Han skyndte sig tvertimot at fortælle det overalt, hvor han kom hen for at faa menneskene til at være paa sin vagt og staa den onde imot. — Hjemlp.)

In the Presence

Lord, what a change within us one short hour

Spent in Thy presence will prevail to make! What heavy burdens from our bosoms take, What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!

We kneel, and all around us seems to lower; We rise, and all, the distant and the near, Stand forth in sunny outline brave and clear;

We kneel, how weak; we rise, how full of power!

Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,

Or others, that we are not always strong, That we are ever overcome with care, That we should ever weak or heartless be, Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer,

And joy and strength and courage are with Thee!

—Archbishop Trench.

How May I be a Christian in my work as a Nurse?

Colossians 3:1 and 12—17.

First and foremost what is necessary to be a Christian in any other profession or kind of work, is also necessary in the nursing profession. That is a true repentance of our sins, humbleness, sincere reading of God's word and prayer.

To be a Christian Nurse I must by the Grace of God live a consistent and honest life both on duty and off duty. God demands that and the people of the world expect it.

I must be truthful, so that both the patients, patient's people and doctors and those with whom I work can trust me. Truthfulness and honestly inspires confidence in the nurse by the persons whom she is caring for. Then she must be loyal and treat things told her in confidence as such.

Sympathy, Kindness, Consideration, Willingness and Cheerfulness are essential. Ill people are not themselves, therefore we must be considerate, always bearing in mind the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

I have only spoken of these principles in relation to people that are ill but they should also dominate my every day life both at work and away from work. I should show interest in my church and God's work at large and help in whatever capacity I am able to.

Whenever possible spiritual help should be given to the ill by words of comfort from God's word or by Christian literature such as Christian books, Christian magazines and tracts. We need to pray for tact and guidance here.

Might I be permitted to say here, do not leave the spiritual help that a person that is ill needs to the nurse entirely. It is so little that she can do, as there are so many other demands on a nurse at the time that a patient must need spiritual help.

Young People, have a representative from your league visit the sick. Don't only pass the time of day with them, but read God's word and pray with them. Let us have more prayerful and tactful "sick-visiting" from our young people and people of our church. It is needed so badly.

In conclusion I want to leave this plea with you. Please do not leave the question of your soul's salvation until you become ill. Having witnessed many deaths in my years of nursing I have found that for a great many there is no time to repent and many are too ill. God had not promised us a long death bed illness and time to repent then. So let us accept Jesus while we are well and able to do something for Him in His vineyard.

—Tilda Holm.

New Workers In The District

Beside those previously announced the following have accepted calls within the district: Sigmund Bue to Macoun, Sask.; Erik Haave to Edberg, Alta.; Joseph Haave to Rose Valley, Sask.; Lars Knudson to Hanley, Sask.; Marvin Odland to Swift Current, Sask. These are all graduates from Luther Seminary, Saskatoon.

Rev. H. A. Strand, Valbrand, Sask., has accepted call to Valhalla Centre, Alta. Rev. Strand comes to us by letter of transfer from the United Lutheran Church. We welcome Rev. Strand to our Church.

—I. I.

BROADCAST

Luther Seminary will broadcast the forenoon service Sunday May 10, at 11 A.M. from C.F.Q.C. Saskatoon, 600 K.C.

Graduation and Ordination

Five seniors: Sigmund Bue, Erik Haave, Joseph Haave, Lars Knudson, Marvin Odland graduate from our Canadian Seminary this year. Graduation will take place May 22 at 8 P.M. Ordination of these five candidates will take place Pentecost Sunday, May 24, at 3 p.m. in Saskatoon. Dr. J. A. Aasgaard will deliver the commencement address and officiate at the ordination.

—I. I.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

The SHEPHERD

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. John 10, 11.

He that believeth on him is not judged; he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Andet Nr. i April, 1942

A Visit to Lutheran Schools

The Lutheran Bible Institute of Camrose, Alberta held its graduation service at the Lutheran Church, Camrose Sunday March 29th 1942. At an impressive service in the afternoon, the seven graduates gave brief messages. The graduation service was held in the evening with Pastor J. Arvid Vikman as speaker. Diplomas and Certificates were given out at this service. One sensed that there had been a solid building of the Word into the lives of these young people.

Monday evening we arrived at Saskatoon. In the evening we had fellowship with Dr. and Mrs. Lavik, and Dr. Iversen, and later in the evening with some of the Seminary students. On Tuesday morning we spoke at the morning devotion at Luther Seminary. Many of these young men will be in active service as pastors in our church before this year ends. We thank God for this school of the prophets.

Tuesday afternoon Pastor Lokensgard drove by car to Outlook for the graduation at the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute. One Tuesday evening an inspirational service was held at the school. After this service the teachers, students, and visitors were seated around a long table in the dining room. Candles placed in long straight lines gave light for this fellowship hour. On the table was a beautiful white cross that spoke to us in this softly lighted room. After refreshments a testimony and prayer meeting followed. These young people gave clear, humble testimonies of God's grace and love. It was a joy to hear them.

Promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday the graduation service was held. Two graduates received diplomas for three years of study. These two graduates gave brief testimonies before the large gathering. Here too we sensed that young people had been "rooted and grounded" in God's unchangeable word. Thanks is due the teachers for the noble work they have done. And such singing! It was indeed an inspiration. That was true both of the general singing, and the school choir.

To us this trip was an inspiration. God is preparing workers for our whitened harvest fields.

Brief messages by the two graduates of the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute.

Christ Is Risen

"Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen."

These were the words of the angel to the women on that first Easter morning and they are still ringing their message to us today. Christ is risen! What does that mean? It means a great deal, yes, everything to a Christian. It means that Christ has gained victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil — all that which could hinder perfect peace with God now and forever. To an unbeliever it means that for him too there is a way home to God. When Jesus snapped the bonds of death and rose gloriously from the grave just then did He gain complete victory for all mankind. That victory which is ours in Him, by His strength we accept it and by His power we are able to keep it.

—Gladys Frostad,
Class of 1942.

Ye Shall Know The Lord

A statement that appears in the Book of Ezekiel at least fifty-one times is, "Ye shall know that I am the Lord". It impressed me to see how God carried this out among His people Israel.

Today there are some who have lived in fellowship with Him and known Him as Lord since their baptism. They have been brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, for which we should thank God.

Others did not recognize His as Lord until they had first lived a life in sin. Seeing where such a life was leading them, they were by God's grace brought back to Him, for which they should thank God.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Thou seest and Thou knowest, O Lord, the dark tragedy which is again overwhelming us and the world—the tragedy of war and destruction and death.

Harvest has come; we reap what we have sown.

Save us from ourselves, O Lord; from our passions, our unbridled lusts, our consuming hatreds, our withered affections, our suspicions and all our fears. Save us from the madness of our wicked desires, from our loveless and unbelieving and disobedient hearts. Save us and be merciful!

Show us again, O Lord, the cross—the cross of sacrifice and redemption where has been revealed Thy saving love which can still change us and save a world.

Bring us back to the Christ of Calvary and His love.

Help us by His love to love one another again—in Him Who loves us all.

Grant us peace, Lord—Thy peace of heart in the forgiveness of sins, and peace in hearth and home and nation and world in the knowledge that in Thee we are all brethren as we are sons and daughters of God when we believe in Thee.

Save us, O Lord, and be merciful!

A bloodsoaked, groaning, travailing, distressed, and sin-cursed world cries out to Thee.

Only Thy mercy can save. Thy mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.—To all such as call upon Thee.—In repentance and faith.—Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.—Who is our peace and our salvation. Amen!

—N. M. Y.

Some shall not know Him as Lord until they appear before Him at the judgment seat. But then — it will be too late for the day of grace will be past. Today is the day of salvation, tomorrow may be too late.

My friend! "Ye shall know the Lord",—but when?

—Ruth McFarlane,
Class of 1942.

A GLANCE BACKWARD

When S.L.B.I. held its opening service on Thursday October 19, 1939, seven students were enrolled. In a short time the number was increased to 11 (plus six high school students).

This spring two of those 11 are graduating, having completed the three year course of study. To these two, Gladys Frostad and Ruth McFarlane, we offer our congratulations, and pray that the rich blessings of the Lord will attend them throughout life.

This first graduating class is small. But the work of the school is not necessarily measured in terms of the number of graduates. This year a total of 76 young people have been in attendance. In the three years of its existence 134 students have been in attendance; of these 60 were here two school terms or more.

It is interesting to notice that of former or present students eight are looking forward to the Gospel ministry as their life-work. Several others have shown promise of ability as lay evangelists. Are not these fruits of, and answers to, our prayers that the Lord would send forth laborers into the harvest?

But could we not say that even though not one of our students was going into some special work, yet the school has a proper and blessed place in the work of the Gospel? To equip young people with the Word of God to establish them more firmly on the Rock Foundation — to prepare them to be better witnesses for Christ back home, quiet and humble as that witness may be, is a worthwhile work.

Thank you loyal friends who have continued to support the school with your gifts, both in money and in foodstuffs (this year the donations of potatoes, carrots, turnips, beets and pumpkins made unnecessary the purchase of any of those items). Thanks you loyal friends who have been faithful in interceding for the school and its work.

Above all, thank you, our dear Heavenly Father, for so richly blessing us in the study of your Word, that Word which reveals the Savior, and through which the Spirit works faith in our hearts. Lord, keep us ever in Your grace unto Your eternal glory. Amen.

GOE

Moose Jaw Circuit Bible School

The Winter Bible School usually conducted by the Moose Jaw Circuit was held at Torquay this year from February 2 to March 1. The attendance was good with about ten students to begin with and remaining throughout the term. More came so that over forty attended the forenoon classes and many more the evening class and service. Besides Evangelist Philip Hanson, who was present for three weeks teaching Ephesians and conducting the evening services the pastors of the Circuit acted as teachers: Johnson, of Assiniboia taught Amos the first week and conducted the evening service that week; Jensen, Moose Jaw, conducted a Book Synopsis course of Leviticus, Numbers, Joshua, and Ruth, and also taught Hebrews the first two weeks; Langley, Lake Alma, taught Colossians the last two weeks; Haugen, Torquay, taught Jeremiah, the four weeks. Pastor Jochen, Macoun, was not able to be with us to teach 1 Peter as scheduled so a Question Box period was conducted the last 2 weeks instead of the evening class.

We believe that the Course was a blessing to those who attended. We sensed God's presence with us in our studies, in our fellowships together, and that God had indeed "blessed us with every spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." Materially also God met all our needs abundantly.

God wrought among us a greater conviction of sin, but also revealed to us "the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe." Yes, God spoke to us and we believe many heard and kept the Word. May the fruits thereof become evident in our lives as we faithfully serve our Lord Jesus Christ each in our own calling.

In closing I would like to recommend a Winter Bible School Course to the prayerful consideration of every circuit.

A. K. Haugen.

Bethany Sunset Home

Mr. C. L. Nasby of Minneapolis visited the Home on March 14th. He reported on our charitable institutions. Some of the Board members took time to come for this occasion. This was much appreciated.

Mr. Rolin of Edmonton has been admitted to the home. Eight applicants have been refused for lack of room.

—Marie Weeks.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

February 23—24, 1942

Since the need for the Orphaned Missions becomes more and more pressing as the war years continue, and

Since \$95,000 is the amount asked from our church this year as our fair share for our brethren across the seas that the Light of the Gospel shall not be blacked out and their mission work and sacrifice be brought to nought,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Church Council of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America appeals most earnestly to every individual member and friend, every congregation and organization to give generously and willingly to this most urgent cause. Especially does the Council appeal to the members of the Women's Missionary Federation to make the Orphaned Missions the objective of their giving and work during the period between Easter and Pentecost.

—Unanimously adopted by the Church Council.

The National Lutheran Council has decided that this appeal is to be made between Easter and Pentecost, especially from May 3—17 and recommends particularly Sunday May 10th. In order to make this a UNIFIED EFFORT our Church Council has decided to accept the dates set by the National Lutheran Council.

OUR CHURCH REACHES OUT

The following is a clipping from "Eskimo Land" a bulletin edited by Elmer H. Dahle, missionary in Alaska. The frontiers of our Missionary Enterprise are far-flung.

The Home Mission Department of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America maintains Eskimo Missions at Teller, Igloo and Shishmaref, Alaska. The Cradle Roll Department of the Women's Missionary Federation sponsors the Teller and Igloo stations. The Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation sponsor the Shishmaref Station.

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Confirmation

Geraldine Nayokpuk, Molly Kiyoutelluk, Frieda Weyouvanna, Esau Weyouvanna, Hattie Kuzuguk, Barbara Sinnok, Kassie Olanna, Orella Walluk, Arthur Tocktoo, Vincent Tocktoo, Perry Eningowuk, Coolidge Avessuk, Davey Ningealook, Charlie Okpowruk, Russell Ningealook, Alvin Pootogooluk, Jane Seetomona.

This class had been preparing for confirmation for several years. It was planned to have confirmation last spring; but some were sick and others out of the village. So Sunday after Christmas was chosen. The ages of the class range from 13 to 18 years.

Sixteen of the above presented themselves before the altar and renewed their baptismal covenant and were admitted to participation of The Lord's Supper.

Jane Seetomona was ill in bed, perhaps with tuberculosis. Unable to come to the church, she was confirmed at home in an impressive and solemn service in the presence of her family and a few friends.

We pray that God may preserve them in their baptismal covenant.

General Convention.

The General Convention of our church convenes in Minneapolis, Minnesota June 9—14, 1942. Pastors who are contemplating attending the convention, and who are not U.S. citizens, need to begin early to secure the necessary papers. Forms for application for Canadian Passports may be secured from Post Offices, or Railroad Agencies, or writing the Passport Office, Ottawa, Canada. When the Canadian Passport is secured, this must be taken to a U.S. Immigration official who will issue a permit. The cost of a Canadian Passport was \$3.00 last year.

Besides these documents from Canadian and U.S. officials, permission must be secured from the Foreign Exchange Control Board, Ottawa, in order to take money into the U.S. This permit may be secured through any chartered bank.

—V.

Each Morning

Each morning lean thine arm awhile
Upon the window sill of Heaven
And gaze upon the Lord.
Write the vision in your heart
Turn strong to meet the day.

—Selected

The Canadian Red Cross Society

Norwegian Branch, 1244 St.
Catherine St., West, Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Friends:

The Norwegian Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society is again issuing an urgent appeal to all our members, groups and friends. We are in need of the following articles:

SEWING: Men: pyjamas all sizes, standard patterns, handkerchiefs, dressing gowns.

Boys: pyjamas, dressing gowns, shirts, trousers.

Women: dresses, all sizes, any design, skirts, blouses, nightgowns, bloomers, slips.

Girls: dresses, pyjamas or nightgowns, blouses, bloomers, skirts, slips.

Babies: Layettes, mothers flannellette nightgowns, babies flannellette nightgowns, diapers, wash cloths, vests, crib blankets, safety pins and soap, or anything else you may wish to send.

Please continue to collect used clothes and send them to us cleaned and repaired. To these civilian clothes should also be added knitted sweaters, caps, mitts, scarves and socks, of any colour.

For our MERCHANT NAVY they need:

KNITTING Grey seaboot stockings, grey or navy blue scarves and mitts and this is really immediately wanted.

For the NORWEGIAN ARMY in GREAT BRITAIN: Khaki ribbed helmets, khaki socks and sleeveless sweaters.

NORWEGIAN RED CROSS IN LONDON: Heavy navy blue, grey and airforce sweaters with long sleeves, black gloves and navy and airforce helmets. These articles are also wanted immediately.

ROYAL NORWEGIAN AIR FORCE: Airforce blue caps, scarves, heavy turtle neck sweaters with long sleeves, black gloves, black socks.

ROYAL NORWEGIAN NAVY: Navy blue scarves 14 inches wide and 50 inches long, heavy turtle neck sweaters long sleeves, mitts, ribbed helmets, black socks.

To those of our friends who neither sew or knit a donation in cash will be greatly appreciated, there is so much to be done and we do want to do "ALT FOR NORGE."

Let me take this opportunity to thank you so very sincerely for all you have done in the past. We are deeply grateful and ask you to not only continue your splendid work but keep on increasing all you can. This is the ardent desire of your headquarters in Montreal.

Yours sincerely,
Madeleine L. Steen, President.

Advance Notice of a Call to all Lutherans for Lutheran World Missions

When the call comes to you and to me, as it soon will, with an appeal for help for missionaries sent out by the Christians in occupied or devastated European countries who are unable to help their representatives — missions and missionaries whose support has been cut off, serving against the background of stark human need and suffering and depleted personal resources — who see the work of their life time in apparent eclipse, are you and I going to come to the rescue and respond in the form of sacrificial giving? Are we?

The following paragraphs written by Dr. R. H. Long, Executive Secretary of the Lutheran World Convention, puts the situation to us so well: "Picture yourself in the heart of Africa, or in the vast spaces of China, in the plains and mountains of India, or on the remote islands of Madagascar or far-away New Guinea. You are there to perform your chosen work to which you have giv-

en your whole life. Hundreds of native men, women and children look to you for inspiration, courage, teaching and love. Your small salary comes regularly from your own country.

"Suddenly, for reasons which neither you nor those who sent you can help, all your support is cut off indefinitely. You get no needed supplies for your work. Word from home and news from your friends and kinfolk take months to reach you, if they do at all. In short, you are stranded, cut off from the world, with your source of livelihood gone. How are you going to live and work? What would you do?"

"You would turn to your brethren, particularly to those who are members of the same Church as yours. You might not know them personally, they might be of another race or from lands far from yours. Nevertheless you would believe, instinctively, that as they are your spiritual brethren and share the same Christian Faith, they will treat you as such. This is exactly the situation which faces thousands of Lutherans in other parts of the world — Lutherans who are brothers in God."

The Lutheran Church of America is deeply concerned and through the Lutheran World Convention will go into action in a nation-wide campaign for a \$400,000.00 fund for Lutheran World Missions. Each Lutheran Synod has been given an allocation. The quota for our Synod is \$95,000.00. Each congregation will be asked to raise a minimum of 9½% of the Synodical budget of the congregation.

Our Synod has decided to present the appeal between the season of Easter and Pentecost, especially the latter part of that period, from May 3 to the 17th.

See resolution of Church Council in General section.

Shall I Use One?

I want to become more actively conscious of my life as a trust from God and that every part of my life has been given me for a purpose.

A Treasure Chest in sight every day will remind me of the Stewardship of Life.

Some times my heart overflows with joy and thanksgiving and there are many occasions when I want to show it to God in some tangible way.

The Treasure Chest is there to receive the overflow gifts of my heart.

I like to be alone with God when I give and I want time to pray and to think about what my gift might do in the Kingdom of God. I want to dedicate it very especially to Him.

The Treasure Chest offers a wonderful privilege to give when no one but God witnesses the giving. Even though small a gift through the treasure chest may be presented with real prayer and dedication.

I like to do some "plus" work — something that does not relieve me of giving through our regular congregation channels, something for which I do not get "credit", something that will assist my church to do something extra.

The Treasure Chest offers the very finest opportunity for "plus" giving. For 1941-42 our treasure chest funds will go to the following:

\$250.00 each year toward Student Service under the L.S.A.A.
\$50.00 a year to our Lutheran Book Mission.

The remainder to be given to the Home Mission Budget (without credit to budget apportionment of local congregations.)

Indeed I want to use a Treasure Chest because it will meet a great need in my life, helping me develop a Christian way of thinking and giving. I want to use it faithfully all through the year. Using a treasure chest belongs to the full experience of every L.D.R. member.

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Col. 3:16).

When you receive a letter from a friend, do you let it lie around for a month before you read it? When you do read it, do you read a paragraph here and there and then wait another week or month before you read another paragraph? If that was the way you read your friend's letter, it would show you did not think much of the friend or letter. Yet that is the way many read God's message to them which is the Bible.

If the Word is to dwell in you richly, it is necessary to read it for private as well as family devotion. That Word is the means the Holy Spirit uses to keep you in a living, saving faith in Jesus Christ. If you do not have this faith, the Word is the means the Holy Spirit uses to create in you a saving faith in Jesus your Savior.

—Cabri Parish Bulletin.

Graduation at S.L.B.I.

April 1 was an eventful day for the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute, for then was held its first graduation service. Diplomas were presented to Gladys Frostad, Outlook, Saskatchewan, and Ruth McFarlane, Grond, Saskatchewan in recognition of their having completed the prescribed three year course of study. The guest speaker at this service was Pastor A. M. Vinge of Ryley, Alta., who on the basis of Nehemiah 9:19-20 presented the Christian life as one of Redemption, Guidance, Protection, Sustenance and Victory. Greetings were brought by Rev. B. O. Lokensgard for the Board; Rev. P. Overlid for the Lutheran Free Church; Mr. Henry Haugen for the former students; a telegram from the Lutheran Bible Institute at Minneapolis was read.

The Lord has richly blessed S. L. B. I. in the three years of its existence. Already 134 young people have been in attendance as students, 60 for a school year or more. Of their personal, individual blessings they can speak. Of blessing to our Church could be mentioned the fact that of former or present students eight have the ministry as the goal of their preparation.

S.L.B.I. is a faith venture. The Lord most definitely has not failed us. About a week before the close of school the undersigned mentioned that a rough estimate showed that \$200 in donations was required in order that all current bills be paid in full when the term closed. As has happened before, the beginning of the answer to our prayers was startling, for the next day arrived a gift of \$25 from New Jersey. At the graduation service it was mentioned that the goal was not yet reached; actually \$40 more was needed. At the supper table I was able to announce that during the afternoon \$40 had been received. For good measure a friend later in the evening gave \$5. For such continued proof of His goodness, we thank the Lord and the friends through whom He gives so generously. We know that further donations will be received to enable the Board to authorize the needed repairs this summer.

The closing days of the term were filled with interesting events. We were refreshed by the presence of a number of former students. At the Sunday evening program the graduates delivered their "farewell" messages. Monday evening and Tuesday chapel Mr. Wil. J. Green, Secretary of the Gideons, told of the work of his organization and related many instances of the amazing power of the Word of God. Tuesday evening Pastor Vinge spoke at an inspirational service, which was followed by the closing school social and devotional fellowship.

—G. O. Evenson.

The W.M.F. and L.D.R. of Edmonton Circuit meets for convention at Bethania congregation, Sedgewick, Alberta, Pastor J. B. Stolee's parish, April 25th, 1942 first session beginning at 10:30 A.M.

—May Erickson, Secretary.

What My Baptism Should Mean to Me

Through my baptism God bestowed on me so much of His grace that it should be a means of deepening my desire to live more worthily of being called His child.

I entered into union with the Triune God by baptism as is shown in Matthew 28:19 where appear the words, "into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," meaning that I came into fellowship with Him. A similar thought is brought out in Galatians 3:27 where it is stated that through baptism we put on Christ. It doesn't have to be through some impressive feeling that I come into union with God but I can know that I became a member of the body of Christ when as a child I was brought to Him in baptism.

God was able to give me His blessings and gifts through baptism. I received forgiveness for in Acts 2:38 it says "unto remission of your sins." That fact must not twist in my mind so that I think that it includes the forgiveness of all the sins I will commit, but rather because of my baptism I can come to God as His child and obtain mercy and forgiveness. The Holy Spirit began His work in me at baptism for He came to live within me (Acts 2:38), hence a new spiritual life was begun then. The old man within me was crucified (Rom. 6:6) and I took on the new man which is so clearly stated in Romans 6:4 "so we also might walk in newness of life." This again does not mean to me I have only the new nature and no old nature. I have both, but the old must daily be done away with and the new daily come forth so that there will be less and less of Satan and more and more of Christ in my life. That which began in baptism should continue through life.

Besides these blessings baptism assures us who believe now on Christ as our Savior salvation from sins on earth, and eternal life. In Mark. 16:16 we read "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

—Jorgine Salte; class paper prepared while at S.L.B.I.

To Know The Will Of God

1. Pray. Not anxiously, but calmly. Ask God to remove all selfish desires that may deflect the answer.
2. Read the Bible. Not to get specific information on your particular problem, but to receive light on the path of your daily life and strength to obey His commandments, day by day.
3. Consult friends, whom you trust as God-guided Christians. Not to get advice. This may be inadvisable. But to "compare notes" and arrive at your own conclusion.
4. Use your common sense. This is God's gift, to be used as an eye to see your path.
5. Listen to the voice of conscience, making sure that it is enlightened by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, and not suffering from morbid sensitiveness.
6. Do what you know is right. That is, take the next step on the path of duty, and as you travel along on the road of right in the sight of God, the following step will lead you nearer to the answer.
7. Then act in faith, believing that God is guiding you by His hand to the goal of His purpose with your life. CJS.

"My Captain"

Out of the light that dazzles me,
Bright as the sun from pole to pole,
I thank the God I know to be
For Christ the conqueror of my soul.

Since His the sway of circumstance
I would not wince nor cry aloud.
Under that rule which men call
chance

My head with joy is humbly bowed.

Beyond this place of sin and tears—
That life with Him! and His the aid,
That, spite the menace of the years,
Keeps, and shall keep me unafraid.

I have no fear though strait the gate,
He cleared from punishments the
scroll;

Christ is the Master of my fate,
Christ is the Captain of my soul.

—Dorothea Day.